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Hon Peter Foster MLC
Chair, Environment and Public Affairs Committee
By email – env@parliament.wa.gov.au

Dear Chair,

Re: Petition No. 012 – Oppose re-zoning of Lot 5780 Down Road, Albany

Thank you for allowing me to make a submission regarding this petition and on this issue.

Lot 5780 is currently classed as Priority 2 Public Drinking Water Sources Special Control Area, as it has been identified as a potential future option for sourcing drinking water for the Albany region.

It is a tributary of Marbellup Brook, which is a conservation class wetland. Development on this site – particularly of a Motorplex – could have significant impact on this wetland.

The community in the Albany area have raised several concerns about this proposal and the potential impact on the future of the area. With a significant amount of climate change now seeming unavoidable, it is essential that all potential future drinking water supplies be protected. We know that climate change will have a significant detrimental effect on the accessibility of drinking water.

I am also deeply concerned about the actual and likely presence of Threatened Ecological Communities on the site and the large number of priority species that have been identified through the desktop audit. We have already determined that these plants and animals require conservation and protection and we should ensure that we do so.

The community has further raised concerns about amenity issues, noise, crowds and general lack of consultation with regards to this process.

While a motorplex and the resulting potential sports tourism would be welcome in Albany at a different site. It is clear that this particular site in its current state has much more to offer the future of Albany.

I ask the Committee to ensure that:

- Relevant environmental reviews and advice from government agencies such as DWER and the EPA occur prior to consideration of any amendments;
- Multi season surveys on flora and fauna should be conducted;

- Proposed mitigation strategies are independently assessed to ensure that they are sufficient and will protect the Priority 2 public drinking area water source and surrounds;
- Alternative sites, that are not within a drinking area or within location of threatened ecological communities or species be identified and considered;
- Open consultation and collaboration with nearby residents is undertaken regarding the impact of the proposal, and should it proceed, how impacts should be lessened or mitigated (including detailing any reviews that have been undertaken on community impact of existing motor complexes such as Collie and Kwinana); and
- Consultation with impacted land owners on the proposed compulsory acquisition of land is undertaken.

Thank you reviewing this petition and ensuring that the voices of the Albany community are heard and considered in this process.

Yours sincerely,

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Hon Dr Brad Pettitt MLC
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